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'Within the love of God, working together, growing together, for all to flourish.'

Upcoming Events

Wb 1.6.26 – Morpurgo swimming week

Thurs 18th June – Sports Day

Mon 22nd June – Class Photos

Thurs 9th July – Reserve Sports Day

Rights Respecting Focus -
ARTICLE 24 –

Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must work to provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food and a clean environment so that children can stay healthy.

Here is the May newsletter as we come to the half term holiday signalling 1 more half term to go in this academic year.

Where has the time gone?

Please take time to read this newsletter carefully and put the dates in your diary. The next half term is going to be busy!

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Mental Health Corner

As we move into the last part of the school year, many of our children may be experiencing a mixture of excitement and worry about upcoming changes.

Whether it's moving to a new class, meeting a new teacher, or preparing for secondary school, all these things can cause some emotional upheaval!

To support your child, recognise that changes and transitions can bring uncertainty, so it's important to create space for children to talk openly about their feelings, ask questions, and feel reassured that their emotions are normal.

Keeping routines predictable, encouraging conversations about worries, and focusing on the positives of new opportunities can all help children feel more confident and secure.

For Year 6 pupils preparing for secondary school, leading children's mental health charity Anna Freud has created a helpful short animation called "Moving Up! The Transition to Secondary School", designed to support children in feeling less anxious and more prepared for the move:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kFpVOIpeksk

School Trips

We are very proud of the number of trips and visits to school that we manage to organise across the school year and we know that the children love them and that they are a valuable part of the learning that takes place in every class. I am always so proud of the responses we get from places that we visit as well as visitors that come to school, about how well behaved and polite our St. Mary's children are. They are a credit to you and the school.

Despite the increasing cost of coach travel at the moment, we always manage to subsidise trips where possible. This also includes the really valuable contribution from FOBS to support every child across the school year with an equal amount of money, which we spread across the trips we offer. We also try wherever possible, to use our school minibus to keep travel costs to a minimum.

Trips, however, can only take place with your support through giving consent and making voluntary contributions to cover the costs. It is very rare for us to need to consider whether we can go ahead with a trip but can I please ask that with the build up to the end of this school year, when there is a letter or message about a trip or in school experience, that you respond as soon as possible. Not only does this help with organisation, but it also saves Mrs. Wall a lot of time as she doesn't need to make phonecalls to check that consent has been given.

We really appreciate your support with this.

Parking

Can I please remind you about parking outside the school gates again as I have seen quite a lot of cars continuing to park along yellow lines close to the school gates.

Parking in these areas and around the corners of junctions does impact on the safety especially for the families that need to cross the road. Poor parking can restrict the view up and down the road making a bigger risk for all pedestrians.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sun Safe

Please take note of the ideas on the image below to help with sun safety. It is so important to keep safe in the sunshine as the summer term progresses.

Christian Value

Our new Christian Value this term is 'THANKFULNESS'.

As always, more information including some bible stories, can be accessed through the church pages on our school website to support children knowing more about this important theme.

https://stmarys-brixton.devon.sch.uk/our-christian-values/

Sports Day

Sports Day will be on **Thursday 18th June** during the afternoon and as normal, we would love you to join us for this annual event. If the weather isn't good on the day, our Reserve Sports Day is in the diary for **Thursday 9th July.**

Dates for the Diary

As more dates are confirmed we will let you know.

Monday 25th – Friday 29th May Half Term	
Wb 1.6.26	Morpurgo Swimming
Wb 8.6.26	Dahl Swimming week 1
Wb 15.6.26	Dahl Swimming week 2
Thursday 18th June	Sports Day
Monday 22nd June	Class photos
Wed 24th June	Mental Health Support Team (MHST) Online Parent Support meeting
Thurs 9th July	Reserve Sports Day
Wed 15th July	Mental Health Support Team (MHST) Online Parent Support meeting

Don't forget that school term dates for the rest of this year and next year, can be found on the school website, especially if you are looking to book holidays and need to know when the school is closed.

And Finally…. SAT's - well done Y6

I just want to say a huge well done! to all of the Y6 children who recently took their end of KS2 SATs tests alongside every other Y6 child across the whole country. They spend a lot of time preparing for these annual tests and it is always so good to see the effort they put in. We couldn't ask for more and so it was lovely to see them all letting off steam at the end of the week with a visit to Splashdown Water Park in Paignton along with all of the other Y6 children from the USF.

Have a lovely half term holiday. See you all on Monday 1st June.

Adrian Clements

Head of School